

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT STATEWIDE STATISTICAL SUMMARY

July 1, 1998- June 30, 1999 (revised 6/00)

28,084 Complaints of suspected child abuse/neglect were completed by local departments of social services.

5,559 complaints were investigated and determined to be Founded.

20,909 complaints were investigated and determined to be Unfounded.

1,616 complaints were placed in an Assessment Response Track through the Multiple Response System pilot in five local departments of social services.

42,817 Victims were reported as being abused or neglected.

8,237 victims were in complaints with Founded dispositions.

32,368 victims were in complaints with Unfounded dispositions.

2,212 victims were in complaints that received an Assessment Response through the Multiple Response System.

Of the Victims in Founded Complaints:

51.5% were female.

50.9% were White.

48.5% were male.

39.9% were Black.

5.1% were Hispanic.

3.9% were Bi-racial.

.2% were other races.

34,851 Caretakers were reported as suspected abusers/neglectors.

6,564 caretakers were in complaints with Founded dispositions.

26,551 caretakers were in complaints with Unfounded dispositions.

1,736 caretakers were in complaints that received an Assessment Response through the Multiple Response System.

Of the Caretakers in Founded Complaints:

77.83% of abuse/neglect was committed by parents.

8.35% of abuse/neglect was committed by other relatives.

5.12% of abuse/neglect was committed by paramours.

4.08% of abuse/neglect was committed in out of family settings.

3.62% of abuse/neglect was committed by other caretakers.

Of the Settings in Founded Complaints:

39.29% of abuse/neglect occurred in one-parent households.

44.34% of abuse/neglect occurred in two-parent households.

3.97% of abuse/neglect occurred in out of family settings.

12.40% of abuse/neglect occurred in other settings.

Type of Founded Abuse/Neglect:

Physical Abuse 24.29%

Physical Neglect 54.94%

Mental Abuse/Neglect 3.85%

Other Abuse/Neglect 3.89%

Sexual Abuse 13.02%

35 children died as a result of child abuse/neglect.

1,815 children were placed in other homes, either by the agency or by the parents, as a result of the abuse/neglect being investigated.

10,578 individuals from founded complaints, and 6,377 individuals from unfounded complaints received post-investigative services that were planned, arranged, or provided by the local department.